

## Message Text

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TAGS: SNAR, HA  
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIHUANA

REF: STATE 57902

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. CURRENT HAITIAN NARCOTIC DRUG CONTROL  
LAW (REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT BY EMBASSY'S A-8 OF JANUARY 30,  
1976) CLASSIFIES MARIHUANA AS NARCOTIC DRUG. LAW PROVIDES  
FOLLOWING CRIMINAL SANCTIONS FOR ALL DRUG OFFENSES.

A) USE -- \$1,000-2,000 FINE OR SIX MONTHS TO 2 YEARS  
IMPRISONMENT. SECOND OFFENDERS LIABLE TO BOTH  
PENALTIES.

B) TRAFFICKING ALONE -- 3-15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT, AND FINES  
FROM \$2,000 TO \$100,000. SECOND OFFENDERS LIABLE  
TO DOUBLE THESE PENALTIES.

C) IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION, TRANSPORT AND MANUFACTURE --  
10 TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT, AND FINES FROM \$20,000  
TO \$200,000. SECOND OFFENDERS LIABLE TO DOUBLE  
PENALTIES.

LAW ALSO PROVIDES THAT ALL PERSONS APPREHENDED FOR USE  
OF NARCOTIC DRUGS MUST SUBMIT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT.

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SOCIO-MEDICAL COMMISSION WITHIN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
IS SUPPOSED TO OVERSEE TREATMENT AND ADVISE COURTS OF  
THEIR FINDINGS. NARCOTICS USERS VOLUNTEERING FOR TREATMENT  
WILL NOT BE PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED OR SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL  
PENALTIES UNLESS THEY ARE REPEATERS. END UNCLASSIFIED

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DONE TO IMPLEMENT THIS LAW WHICH WAS PROMULGATED OVER A YEAR AGO AND COMMISSIONS IT PROVIDED FOR HAVE NOT YET BEEN CREATED. SENIOR POLICE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 16 THAT DRUG OFFENSES ARE STILL HANDLED MUCH AS BEFORE. FOREIGNERS ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES ARE EXPELLED AND FORBIDDEN TO RETURN TO HAITI, BUT ARE NOT BROUGHT BEFORE HAITIAN COURTS. HAITIAN OFFENDERS ARE JAILED FOR INDEFINITE PERIODS AND OFFICER IMPLIED THAT FEW OF THOSE ARRESTED ARE ACTUALLY BROUGHT TO TRIAL. HE SAID THAT HAITI DID NOT HAVE A SERIOUS DRUG PROBLEM AND THAT MOST USE OF MARIHUANA CONFINED TO YOUTH OF WELL-TO-DO FAMILIES. IN SUMMARY, MARIHUANA AND OTHER DRUG OFFENSES ARE STILL DEALT WITH ON AN AD HOC BASIS. SIMPLE USE OF MARIHUANA IS NOT WIDESPREAD AND IS USUALLY TOLERATED BY AUTHORITIES.  
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